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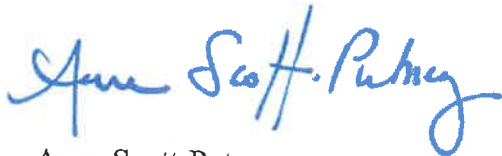
Ralph Vitacco
Director of Planning & Economic Development
16 Jan Sebastian Drive
Sandwich MA 02563

Dear Mr. Vitacco,

I would like to submit these letters of support as a supplement to our application for a special permit submitted on April 24th.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Anne Scott-Putney
President & CEO

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The boys went (2)
through orientation.
The safety instructions
were very well explained.
Then they were ready
to go. We followed
them underneath as
they went from station
to station.

We saw their confidence grow as they
maneuvered the course
and the sense of accomplishment
when they finished.

We were all upset
with the announcement of
the park closure.

My husband and I (1)
just want to show our
support in your efforts
to reopen Adventure
Park.

We brought our 2
grandsons (7-9) to the
park last year shortly
before it closed.

Many of our friends
had experienced it for
themselves and brought
their grandchildren.
Lots of positive feedback
helped make it
a very positive experience.

Happy to read of your 3
attempts to reopen the
Park.

Last night I asked
each grandson tell me
something about adven-
ture park that you'll remem-
ber.

Zachary (7) I'm not afraid of
heights anymore.

Theo (9) Loved it ... learned
about safety features
needed.

Definitely Educational!



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Sincerely,
Eida & Marty Stepper





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Love this picture

Kathryn G. Aldrich
6 Pine Street.
Sandwich, Massachusetts 02563

April 5, 2019

Anne Scott-Putney
67 Grove Street.
Sandwich, Massachusetts 02563

Dear Ms. Scott-Putney,

I wanted to extend my support to you and your endeavor to re-open the Heritage Adventure Park. I am an educator in town, as well as a neighbor on Pine Street. Heritage has always done such an amazing job in including and encouraging residents and students to visit and take advantage of the beautiful grounds and exhibits that are offered. I feel that the Adventure Park is such an asset to our town and to our neighborhood, with an element of excitement, exercise, and memories to last a lifetime. In the past the Adventure Park has been opened for teambuilding opportunities offered to the Sandwich Public School System Employees and I look forward to visiting with my First Grade Team in the future!

Please feel free to contact me with any further questions.

Best Wishes,

Kathryn Aldrich

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Robert Aldrich
6 Pine Street
Sandwich, MA
02563

March 30, 2019

Anne Scott-Putney
President, CEO
Heritage museums and gardens
67 Grove Street
Sandwich, MA
02563

Dear Ms. Scott-Putney,

My Name is Robert Aldrich and I am a Pine Street neighbor of Heritage Museum and Gardens. I am writing in support of the Heritage Adventure Park - a wholesome, enlightening and rewarding experience.

My family and I have participated in the Adventure Park zip line and rope course, choosing it as the start of my brothers bachelor party in the summer of 2017.

As the best man, I was searching for a memorable way to bring the wedding groomsmen together and Heritage Adventure Park proved to be a fun and exciting metaphoric introduction to life in a new marriage.

Overcoming difficulties, working through challenges and supporting your fellow participants were all lessons reinforced throughout the course.

As a neighbor of Heritage Adventure Park, we have not been impacted by an increase in neighborhood traffic. We are accustomed to the seasonal influx of visitors, and welcome a robust and thriving museum/park operation as we coexist in this beautiful neighborhood setting.

Sincerely,

Robert Aldrich

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>
> Hi,
>
> I am a resident of Sandwich and am urging the adventure park be reopened. I frequently ran by the park when it was open and you would never know it was there. It was not in any way a disturbance.
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> Also, I climbed there once and absolutely loved it. The staff was nice and informative. I found it very safe as well.
>
> There aren't a lot of adventure parks in the vicinity and it was definitely a boom to the economy.
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> I am in full support of reopening the park.
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> Sincerely,
>
> Jennifer Petit, 52 Gully Lane

>
> Sent from my iPhone

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Dear Ms. Scott-Putney,

I am writing to voice my support in support of a renewed permit for the Heritage Adventure Park. As a 46 year resident of Sandwich, former neighbor living on both Pine and Grove Streets, parent, and outdoor enthusiast, i can truly say that the Adventure Park was the best thing to come to Sandwich in my lifetime.

My several experiences on the course at Heritage Adventure Park were nothing short of exhilarating. While the climbs were always challenging to me and outside of my comfort zone, completing a climb made me feel accomplished, brave, and strong. Being able to do that outside and among a beautiful, natural setting was wonderful. At all times, the staff placed the utmost emphasis on safety for every single climber and I never once felt unsafe or unobserved. Even on the most popular summer days, my climb never felt rushed or too busy. On every climb I found peace and quiet up in the trees.

I raised two children in Sandwich and have always regretted the lack of activities for them in their hometown. The opening of HAP provided them an opportunity to get outside for a few hours more, challenge themselves physically and emotionally and further learn to appreciate nature. Having lived in Sandwich as a young person, an active middle aged resident, and parent of children I can vouch for the fact that there is really nothing to do here outside of movies and boutique shopping and expensive sports leagues. Heritage Adventure Park changed all that for many local and visiting families.

As a marketing professional, on my visits I was very observant of the connections between local businesses and the park. Not only were park guests offered discounts to dine, shop and stay locally, **On every single one of my visits** I overheard staff recommending local places to eat for climbers planning a day out in Sandwich.

Truthfully, our town does not have the nicest Cape beaches or a variety of shopping - there is not much incentive for younger families to make Sandwich a destination trip. The park was a game changer, and it brought people to Sandwich, ones who were willing and able to spend money *in* Sandwich and stay longer.

The Adventure Park was a tremendous asset to Sandwich. Its impact was huge but its footprint on the neighborhood was small. I hope that the special permit for the reopening of the Park can be considered and granted. It would be benefitting so very many people from both near and far.

Sincerely,

Kristine Esdale

Moody Drive, Sandwich

Hi Anne, nice seeing you at the Community College event, that Duesenberg was impressive!

Sharing a summary of our conversation about the "Lilly Family Tradition"

When my girls were old enough to enjoy the Adventure Park at Heritage Museum and Gardens we began a family tradition. Each year for Father's Day, we spend the day in Sandwich, where I grew up. The day includes the Adventure Park ropes course, ice cream, a jump off the boardwalk and dinner at one of the local restaurants. It is a day that Mom, Dad and the children look forward to every year. Most years we include another family in our adventures. Each year we add memories that will last a lifetime and, for the next generation, deepen the connection to the town that had such an impact for me.

The Adventure Park is an integral part of that experience. The girls look forward to the next course each year. Every attempt builds confidence and self-esteem. This year they claim they are ready for the black diamond. I hope they get the chance.

Sincerely,

Jason Lilly

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March 26, 2019

To Whom It May Concern –

We are writing to express our support for the reopening of the Adventure Park at Heritage Museums & Gardens. The Adventure Park is a wonderful asset for our community and all who visit the Cape from all over the world every summer.

When the design was unveiled, we were delighted by the extent to which it blended into its natural surroundings. It truly looks as if it belongs there. We have also been impressed with the management of the Adventure Park – by requiring advance reservations, crowds and traffic are very controlled.

We have been there numerous times – as a family, with visiting friends and relatives, and as chaperones when our school-aged children have gone on field trips to The Adventure Park. Some of the biggest benefits are intrinsic. Each time we've attended, we've seen and/or experienced camaraderie as folks encourage and help each other on the course; growth in confidence and self-esteem as folks (of all ages!) overcome their fear and conquer a difficult element; and the interpersonal connections that result from a shared experience whether one is an observer on the ground or a participating "in the air."

Additionally, the Adventure Park is a wonderful resource to engage people of all ages with nature and the outdoors and foster a greater understanding and appreciation of the environment, conservation/preservation, and our eco-system.

There are far better beaches on the Cape than those in Sandwich. There are towns with amazing bike trails, Main Street shopping, and a variety of museums and galleries. But so far, Sandwich has the only Adventure Park in the area and we need it for our residents, but specifically for our tourists upon whom our local economy relies heavily.

It is in the best interest of the Sandwich community as a whole for community attractions, programming, and environmental education such as the Adventure Park to thrive. When neighborhood interests become more important than the community as a whole, the end result is a fractured and weakened community. Instead, we should all come together and be proud that Sandwich is home to an asset as valuable as the Adventure Park.

Thank you.

Respectfully,

Philip and Becky Milburn
3 Story Lane
East Sandwich, MA 02537

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To whom it may concern:

We, Madhu Siddappaji and Sindhu Krishnankutty, residents of Forestdale (38 Artisan Way) are writing this letter in support of the Adventure Park at Heritage Museums & Gardens. We have been Massachusetts residents since 2016 and moved to the town of Sandwich in June 2017. We have been members of Heritage since then. During the open season, we visit about once a week. We believe the Adventure Park serves several benefits to residents of the town and the country. Some major benefits are listed below:

- a) Cape Cod teens and kids often struggle to find positive activities and outlets. We all know how drug and alcohol use has been a perennial local problem. This is one of the few places where kids can have healthy fun. They can push physical boundaries and take risks in a safe, monitored setting. As parents, we believe Cape Cod (and Sandwich specifically) needs more of these kinds of opportunities!
- b) One reason we love Heritage is the chance to spend hours enjoying the outdoors. It's an ideal place to reconnect to nature and learn more about how we relate to our environment. The Adventure Park is the perfect extension of these values. What better way to appreciate just how cool nature is than from up in the trees?! There's a reason we all climb trees when we are little—it's a chance to get up close and in touch with nature—to suspend reality and live in our imaginations for a little while.
- c) Even in the summer, the course is hardly crowded. In our weekly trips to Heritage, we have never observed traffic or noise on Shawme Road.
- d) It provides employment and volunteer opportunities to young adults and college students who can learn people management, customer service and outdoor education skills.
- e) Apart being a safe place for kids to play and interact, the Park benefits overall development of children. A clear majority of neuroscience-based scientific literature has shown positive relationships between physical activity and children's cognitive function, fitness, academic performance, executive function, and learning. These attributes help children to develop holistically. Considering that the schools of Sandwich (Forestdale Elementary School and Oak Ridge School) are emphasizing STEM education to early learners, the activities offered by the Adventure Park will have a positive long-term benefit for our children.

We kindly request the town of Sandwich approve the permit to reopen the park. As the spring is just around the corner, this decision needs to be made as early as possible. We hope the town committee members are able to see both short term and long term benefits of the Adventure Park.

Looking forward to playing with our son in the park in near future!

Please feel free to contact us if you need any additional information.

Sincerely,

Madhu Siddappaji,

Sindhu Krishnankutty

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JUDITH HOLT DESIGN
3 Summer Street
Sandwich, MA. 02562

March 18, 2019

Ms. Goetz
Heritage Museums
67 Grove Street
Sandwich, MA. 02563

Dear Ms. Goetz,

I was pleased to see that Heritage Museums will possibly be opening up the Adventure Park again. I walk and drive by the museum area a great deal and have always enjoyed the healthy and adventuresome experience that the park offers. It looks like everyone is having a wonderful time. I appreciate that this park offers outdoor, creative and healthy activity for its visitors. In a time when computer screens are the focus of everyone, this park offers a great alternative. I also appreciate how beautifully the park has been designed with the yurts and large parking lot.

I imagine this park draws a wide spectrum of visitors from teens to corporate teams, which increases the visitor count to Sandwich. This must have a positive effect on the local overall economy. At the same time, since I walk in the area a great deal, I am struck by how the traffic on the roads leading to the park does not seem appreciably increased. The traffic seems to be very manageable and not imposing.

I truly wish you all the best with this. I think it is a positive asset for the whole town.

Sincerely,

Judith

Judith Holt

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To whom it may concern,

My family and I visit Sandwich every year during the month of July. My daughter (now 15) and I always like to try something new while visiting. Over the years we have done kyaking, deep sea fishing and whale watches. For the last 2 years we have visited the Adventure park course. It is by far the best outdoor activity we have done on the cape besides the fabulous beaches.

Sandwich is such a great town, however it doesn't offer much for visiting families. Often we drive out of town to find something to do.

I would love to see you bring back the park. We already have our place booked for July. Hopefully, we will see you then!

Michelle Webb
Lexington, VA

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Hello -- I just received my Heritage Museum e-newsletter and thought I would write a quick note to support the Adventure Park. My mom and aunt live in Barnstable, but my family lives in Tucson, Arizona. For the past number of years, we've spent 4-6 weeks on the Cape every summer (fortunately, I can work remotely), and a highlight of our visit has been attending the Heritage Museum and the Adventure Park.

My 10-year-old daughter and my 12-year-old son have spent these recent years "graduating" from color to color, proving their physical and mental abilities as they navigate the various challenges. One year, we had nine of us -- two grade-schoolers, two teen-agers, four parents, and a 70-something grandmother -- all on the course at the same time. Of course, we regularly visit the Museum as part of our trip to Sandwich (I think I have purchased a membership for only one or two of these recent years, though).

If you wish to remind the Sandwich council of the economic benefit, please feel free to share with them that we often stop to get coffee and baked goods beforehand, then have dinner or lunch afterwards -- sometimes at the brick-oven pizza place in town and other times at the pizza tavern just east of town on 6A. We order pizza, watch the Red Sox on TV, and tease each other about the ropes course. Overall, we've probably spent close to \$1,000 on food, park passes, and other items since the Adventure Park opened on your grounds.

At any rate, good luck with your next steps.

Respectfully,

Randy Accetta

Randy Accetta Ph.D. |
Director of Coaching Education, Road Runners Club of America: We Run the Nation
Mentor in Residence, University of Arizona's McGuire Center for Entrepreneurship
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Vitacco, Ralph

From: Joanne Rewinski <jmrewinski@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2019 3:20 PM
To: Planning Dept.
Subject: Heritage Adventure Park

Dear Sirs:

I am unable to make tomorrow night's meeting on the Adventure Park, and just wanted to weigh in. I live in the immediate neighborhood near the Heritage Museums and Gardens on Faunce Mountain Road.

My husband and I moved here in February 2017, and have experienced two summers here. We understand that some of our neighbors that live on Pine and Grove Streets have a big issue with traffic, and are also upset about how things went with the first permit for the Adventure Park. While I can certainly sympathize with them on that score, I can honestly say that since we moved here we have never had a major issue with the traffic at any time of the year. We don't seem to have any problems getting out onto Pine St. from Morgan Trail.

My husband and I support the Heritage and the Adventure Park. I don't feel that the neighborhood will be adversely affected. I will say though that some thought might be given to the speed limit and the lack of signs. My understanding is that the speed limit on Pine is 30 mph? If that's the case I would think that posting a speed limit of 25mph might slow some people down. Because of the narrowness of the road, and several blind curves, it's really not a road that people should be going 30 on in my opinion, I will say that. The same would go for Grove St. I would think.

There's more that could be said but in order to keep this short I'll stop there.

Thank you.

Joanne Rewinski

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McCabe, Maureen

From: Paula McQuaid <paula.n.mcquaid@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2019 6:40 AM
To: Planning Dept.
Subject: Adventure Park

I am a Sandwich resident in support of the Adventure Park at Heritage Museums and Gardens, please approve their plan so that the Park can open for this summer.

Thank you, Paula McQuaid

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From: Matthew and Sarah Lavoie <lavoie3138@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 11, 2019 10:19 AM
To: Planning Dept.
Subject: Heritage Adventure Park support

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to lend my support to the Adventure Park permit request. My husband and I have lived in Sandwich since 2006. We have 2 children and greatly appreciate the recreational opportunities the facility will provide our family and the community if the permit is approved.

Thank you,

Sarah Lavoie
774-392-1352
21 Laurel Ln
Forestdale MA 02644

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From: Evan Phillips <ephillips@shorelineaviation.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 11, 2019 10:39 AM
To: Planning Dept.
Subject: Heritage Park Permit

As a tax paying resident of Sandwich, I am fully behind the approval of the special permit for Heritage Park to operate. It is a positive outlet for not only visitors and residents to enjoy, but also creates jobs for many youth in our community. Please vote to approve the permit for the adventure park at Heritage.

Evan Phillips
6 Dukes Dr
Sandwich, MA

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From: Theresa Jordan <theresajordan9135@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 11, 2019 1:29 PM
To: Planning Dept.
Subject: Support for Heritage Adventure park

I theresa jordan 33 greenville drive am in full support of the adventure park that Heritage is planning. I really hope you listen to the majoriry of the town on this

Theresa jordan
33 greenvilke drive
Forestdale ma

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From: Patricia Granchelli <pgranchelli@verizon.net>
Sent: Saturday, May 11, 2019 1:59 PM
To: Planning Dept.
Cc: Vitacco, Ralph
Subject: Upcoming Zoning Board Meeting & Heritage Adventure Park

Dear Mr. Vitacco & Planning Board Members,

I am writing concerning the Heritage Adventure Park discussion scheduled for the upcoming Planning Board meeting. My husband and I purchased a home in Sandwich two years ago. Our hope and plan is to make this our retirement home in the next year or so. We chose Sandwich after owning in Yarmouth several years. We really admired that Sandwich had recognized the reality of the need for tourism dollars by Cape communities - and had addressed that reality through the opening of the Heritage Adventure park. We saw a healthy, family-oriented, tasteful venue - and hoped the interest in the facility would ripple down to local business. Sure of you are well aware of the challenges to maintain the character of downtown, maintain the boardwalk and beaches and keep the fresh energy of young families without a strong local economy.

We pay almost the same amount of property taxes in our current community of Framingham as in Sandwich - and receive far more services. We are really concerned that if property tax is not supplemented by some local tourism and business revenue, we, like many others will be priced out of living here in retirement.

Heritage Adventure seems to have respected the character of our town - no flashy signs, it has always appeared well-maintained and well-run. We are completely in favor of granting them approval to re-open. There has to be traffic plans that can be put in place to alleviate the concerns of its neighbors - the value of this kind of tourism venue benefits our entire town at a time. The town should not be held hostage by one neighborhood.

Sincerely,

Ron and Pat Granchelli
11 Stonefield Drive
Sandwich, MA

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McCabe, Maureen

From: Maeghan Wertz <maegwertz@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 11, 2019 3:51 PM
To: Planning Dept.
Subject: Heritage Adventure Park

Dear Sandwich Planning board,

I am writing to express my support of the Heritage Adventure Park re-opening. My employer and many others have used this ropes course as a great team building and trust building exercise. It has been used by many schools and teams to help support team work focusing on one goal and being able to achieve it together! I am a resident of Sandwich and a frequent visitor to Heritage. I am often there with my three kids once a week during the summer and can tell you that noise is not an issue. You can hardly hear what's going on in the Adventure Park while you are in the Gardens. This was a wonderful addition to the town and I looked forward to my kids getting old enough to be able to use the ropes course. I am hoping the town can look at reconsidering. Its there. Lets use it. Let add value to the town by reopening the ropes course. It will ad to our tourism and will give our kids in town something constructive to do outdoors.

Thank you for reading.

Maeghan

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From: Kevin Mitchell <mitchellkp@icloud.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 11, 2019 9:24 PM
To: Planning Dept.
Subject: Adventure Park

I support the reopening of the Adventure Park; it's a great asset and attraction. And I've had fun there with my family.

I am a home owner in east Sandwich and investing more in our town.

Kevin Mitchell

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From: jana ahnquist <janaahnquist@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 11, 2019 11:24 PM
To: Planning Dept.
Subject: Adventure Park Support

I am a Sandwich resident and

I would like to add my voice to support reopening the Adventure Park near Heritage Plantation. I have taken my grandchildren to Heritage Plantation and enjoyed special events(Gardens Aglow)the outdoor classroom, (Hidden Hollow), and participated with them in the Adventure Parks' unique outdoor experience. It has all been excellent and up to Heritages' high quality program standards. I found the park to be very professionally run. Being up in the trees was an amazing experience- not just literally offering us a different perspective but enhancing our appreciation of nature. Plus-it was a real confidence booster to learn a new skill and to receive coaching and support throughout our time there.

Thank you for revisiting this issue. Because of our positive experiences there I am in support of reopening the Adventure Park.

Thank you for the work you do on behalf of our town.

Sincerely, Jana Ahnquist

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McCabe, Maureen

From: Katherine Condon <ktcondon@icloud.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 12, 2019 8:47 AM
To: Planning Dept.
Subject: Support for Heritage Adventure Park

To the Zoning Board of appeals

I am strongly in support of Heritage Adventure Park. Our town could use the influx of visitors and my family would greatly enjoy having fun nearby. Please allow them to reopen the Park.

Thanks
Kate Condon
Sandwich resident

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McCabe, Maureen

From: Betsy Pottey <bpottey@msn.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 12, 2019 7:52 PM
To: Planning Dept.
Subject: Adventure Park

I am writing you in support of the Adventure Park. It is a wonderful addition to Sandwich. I believe it has all been said, it is a good physical activity that families can do together and is a beautiful sight. Please allow the Park to reopen. Thank you, Betsy Pottey 102 Saltmarsh Rd. East Sandwich

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From: Comcast <ruthprovost@comcast.net>
Sent: Saturday, May 11, 2019 8:35 AM
To: Planning Dept.
Subject: Heritage

Dear Members of the ZBA,

I am unable to be at the meeting on the ropes course at Heritage this week, however I did want to weigh in as a neighbor who lives on Grove Street, and who has been living there for 45 years. I am 100% in support of Heritage's application for a variance. The ropes course is an asset to our community, it's something that young families can enjoy together while learning more about nature, and it brings people into the community who add to the local economy. It is not an "amusement park" as one thinks of such things, has not impacted traffic on the road where I live in any noticeable way, or harmed my property values.

It is my hope that Sandwich will have this asset for years to come. Thank you for your positive vote on this matter.

Respectfully,
Ruth Provost
16 Grove Street
Sandwich MA

Sent from Ruth Provost's cell phone.
My apologies for any typos!
Please make a gift and support
1,078 Cape Cod kids at the
Boys & Girls Club of Cape Cod today!
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Vitacco, Ralph

From: aandbkelly@aol.com
Sent: Sunday, May 12, 2019 8:20 PM
To: Vitacco, Ralph
Subject: Heritage Adventure Park

Dear Mr. Vitacco, Because we won't be attending Tuesday's meeting, my husband and I wish it to be known that we Support the Adventure Park. It was a great assist to our town as well as for Heritage. It brought families in to Sandwich who had never come here before. These people came from all over, on and off Cape, and they discovered Sandwich. Although we have not used it, we stopped by to see it in use. Beyond the fun, there was use of team building, physics, mathematics, and communication skills at work as the participants advanced in the course. The nearby streets were quiet. We don't understand how this devalues their residences. The participants have reservations. There is no line of traffic, just use of town roads. I hope you will support the Adventure Park. Sincerely, Ann and Brian Kelly

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Vitacco, Ralph

From: aandbkelly@aol.com
Sent: Sunday, May 12, 2019 9:27 PM
To: onthecod@verison.net; BOA - Robert Jensen; BOA - Chris Neeven; VanBuskirk, Erik; chaseterrio@gmail.com; BOA - Gerald Nye; oneill.t@gmail.com
Cc: Vitacco, Ralph
Subject: Please vote in favor of the Adventure Park

Dear Zoning Board Members, Because we won't be attending Tuesday's meeting, my husband and I wish it to be known that we Support the Adventure Park. It was a great assist to our town as well as for Heritage. It brought families in to Sandwich who had never come here before. These people came from all over, on and off Cape, and they discovered Sandwich.

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Vitacco, Ralph

From: Meaghann Toomey <meaghannkelley@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 11, 2019 9:49 AM
To: Vitacco, Ralph
Subject: ZBA special permit for Heritage Aerial Park

I am unable to attend the meeting on Tuesday because it is the same time as another meeting I have already committed to attending.

I am in support of ZBA granting the special permit up Heritage Adventure Park as a recreational park. However, I have one stipulation for my support, I think the 4 acres the Park is built on should be sub-divided and billed real estate taxes. Since Heritage is essentially leasing the property to a commercial for-profit company, which designed, built and operates the park. These real estate taxes can be used by the Town to address any additional road repairs or maintenance caused by the 20,000 additional visitors to the Adventure Park each year.

Thank you for reading my email.

Meaghann Toomey
41 Windsor Road
Sandwich
02563

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Vitacco, Ralph

From: Karen Dixon <karenmdixon@icloud.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 11, 2019 5:56 PM
To: Vitacco, Ralph
Subject: Heritage Museum and Garden application for Adventure Park

Dear Mr. Vitacco,

I am writing in support of Heritage Museum and Gardens application for a zoning variance to operate the Adventure Park.

As a resident of Sandwich since 1985, I am a member and supporter of Heritage. When we first moved to town, we visited Heritage nearly every weekend with our two children. We enjoyed the antique autos, the military museum, the carousel, and the beautiful rhododendrons, day lilies and hydrangeas.

Whenever friends and relatives visit, we make the short trip from our Nicholas Lane residence to Heritage to enjoy its many offerings. We have been to concerts, Gardens Aglow, community events including performances by the high school jazz band, the annual auto shows, and many other events and activities.

The addition of the Adventure Park is a natural progression for Heritage Museums as it seeks to attract, entertain, and educate visitors. On several occasions when I visited, we drove by the Adventure Park to take a peek at its operation. We never encountered excessive traffic, vehicles traveling at unsafe speeds, or any other disruption to the neighborhood. We did observe young people engaged in healthy outdoor fun, building their confidence and relating to nature.

Both my husband and I ask the Zoning Board of Appeals to grant a variance to Heritage Museum and Gardens to operate the Adventure Park.

Sincerely,
Karen M. Dixon
4 Nicholas Lane
Sandwich, MA 02563

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Vitacco, Ralph

From: Maureen Munro <munrocpa@aol.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 12, 2019 9:07 AM
To: Vitacco, Ralph
Subject: Heritage plantation zip lining

To whom it may concern,

I live at 18 School Street in Sandwich and I support Heritage Plantation's in their pursuit to acquire a permit to re open the zip line park. It is an asset to our town.

Sincerely,

Maureen Munro Dillon

Maureen Munro, CPA
(508)833-0526

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McCabe, Maureen

From: Oneil, Jennifer <Jennifer.Oneil@analog.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 14, 2019 2:59 AM
To: Planning Dept.
Subject: approve Adventure Park

Dear Zoning Board of Appeals,

I am writing in support of the ropes course at Heritage Adventure Park.

It is my belief that this venue provides a great opportunity to explore the outdoors and draw visitors to our area.

It brings people into the Town of Sandwich where they pump gas, buy food, and explore our town. It also increases the volume of visitors to Heritage Museum which I believe to be a very valuable asset for our town.

While I have read the point of view of several of the vocal neighbors of the park, I do not believe that their property values have been inordinately impacted by the park.

I think it would be beneficial for the Town of Sandwich if we were to grant a permit to allow the park to operate during daylight hours without music piped through speakers. This way, we are preserving the quiet character of the community while providing an opportunity to explore and exercise in the trees.

Please consider approving the request to allow the Adventure Park at Heritage Museums and Gardens to reopen.

Regards,

Jennifer O'Neil

2 Bottom Lane

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McCabe, Maureen

From: Leo Bedard <leobedard@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 14, 2019 11:12 AM
To: Planning Dept.
Subject: Heritage

Good morning,

We live on Shaker House Rd. just across Shawme Pond from Heritage Museum and Gardens. We would like to see the Adventure Park open again! We believe it benefits the common good of the town and has very little negative impact on our neighborhood.

Sincerely,
Leo and Linda Bedard
25 Shaker House Rd.

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McCabe, Maureen

From: Leslie Hanna <lghanna@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 14, 2019 2:05 PM
To: Planning Dept.
Subject: Adventure Park application

Good afternoon,

Unfortunately, I am unable to attend the zoning board meeting this evening due to a musical event my son is performing in. I wanted to send this email regarding our support of the application.

We had been visitors of the Adventure Park at Heritage several times, I would like to relay our experiences to you when evaluating this application.

My son had his first visit with his scout troop, used as a "team building" experience. I also climbed with him as he was on the younger side at the time. During this visit, he fell off one of the courses (and was hanging by the safety harness), he was unable to get himself back up and was assisted by the kind and competent staff. He remembered this on our next visit a year later, and unfortunately, fell in the same area. This time, however, he was able to work and get himself back up on the course again and proceed, he was elated. He learned that with work and perseverance, what he can accomplish on his own.

Our last visit was shortly before it closed, we had not been in a while as I had had shoulder surgery and the course takes some upper body strength to complete. I had stalled in my progress with range of motion in that shoulder and was a bit frustrated. This visit propelled me into gaining most of my movement in that shoulder again.

All of these visits have been a bonding and learning experience between me and my son, who is now 15. We encouraged each other through the spots that were tough for each other and learned a lot about ourselves in the process. I was sorely sad to hear it was shut down. I understand the neighbor's concerns, however. I never saw the traffic issues they mention, on any visit to the adventure park or to Heritage museums itself. I understand their issue with the initial zoning application, listing the incorrect address and hope with this re-application, that will be corrected.

We feel this is a great asset to the community, both year-round residents as well as summer visitors to our town, and hope you will approve the application this evening.

I have also heard the Adventure Park be compared to an amusement park, so I leave you with these two definitions for you to decide what better fits the description... Amusement or as I feel. educational.

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Definition of an amusement park: a commercially operated park having various devices for entertainment (such as a merry-go-round and roller coaster) and usually booths for the sale of food and drink

Outdoor education:

More broadly, outdoor education may be defined as an emphasis on direct experience of the outdoors for personal, social, educational, therapeutic and environmental goals. (Neill, 2003). In that case, outdoor education includes environmental education, conservation education, adventure education, school camping, wilderness therapy, and some aspects of outdoor recreation

Best regards,

Leslie Hanna
6 Sedgewick Ln
Sandwich, MA 02563

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Drake, Leanne

From: Holli Wong <holligroverwong@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 14, 2019 2:29 PM
To: Planning Dept.
Subject: Heritage Special Permit

Dear Planning Board,

I would like to express my support for Heritage Museum and Garden's request for a special permit to operate the Adventure Park. I have had a membership to Heritage for several years now, and typically the people who visit are older or have young children, like myself. The Adventure Park is a great way to attract people from outside of those two age groups to Heritage and the downtown area, where they are likely to buy lunch or shop. The Town of Sandwich should support Heritage in its attempt to think outside the box and attract new visitors to our town.

Thank you,

-Holli Wong

5 Coach Ln

Sandwich, MA 02563

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Drake, Leanne

From: Linda Lewison <llewi25763@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 14, 2019 2:33 PM
To: Planning Dept.
Subject: tonights zoning board meeting

Dear Mr. Vitacco, Ms McCabe

I am unable to attend tonight's meeting about Heritage Park but with like to give a comment in support of them.

I would like to see the park reopen the rope course as this brings families to town . They in turn will spend money at our restaurants, and stay at the local hotels. There is nothing else like this on the Cape.

The rope course offers a chance to work together , solve problems and build confidence. many of the local schools visited it last year.

It is a shame that a few people want to stop Heritage from having this course. heritage has been part of Sandwich for a number of years bringing many interesting and educational exhibits to the area for all to enjoy.

This course is hidden in the woods and open a limited time .

I hope you will support them as they are a benefit to our town.

Thank You

Linda lewison

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Drake, Leanne

From: Katie Reilly <katieblanca@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 14, 2019 3:26 PM
To: Planning Dept.
Subject: support for Heritage

To Whom it May Concern,

I am unable to attend tonight's meeting, but wanted to voice my support for the approval of the Special Permit to operate the Adventure Park at Heritage Museums & Gardens. I think it is a benefit to our community and will help increase tourism!

Sincerely,
Catherine Reilly
31 Pond View Drive
East Sandwich, MA 02537

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Drake, Leanne

From: Vitacco, Ralph
Sent: Tuesday, May 14, 2019 3:33 PM
To: Drake, Leanne; McCabe, Maureen
Subject: FW: Heritage Museums & Gardens Adventure Park

From: Carmen O'Brien [<mailto:motherof03@comcast.net>]
Sent: Tuesday, May 14, 2019 3:22 PM
To: Vitacco, Ralph
Cc: ascottputney@heritagemuseums.org
Subject: Heritage Museums & Gardens Adventure Park

Dear members of the Zoning Board of Appeals,

My name is Carmen O'Brien and I live at 19 Pine Street. I am writing to you in support of the Heritage Museums & Gardens Adventure Park. My husband Mark and I have lived here for over 30 years. Our three children have been born and raised here. We are members of this magnificent establishment and over the years have enjoyed the many wonderful programs and events being offered. We have many fond memories of rides on the carousel, strolling through the spectacular rhododendron bloom, music events and Easter egg hunts just to name a few. Heritage Museums & Gardens is a part of our life here and we continue to bring family and friends to experience the attractions and events as we have.

It is my opinion that the "craziness" in today's society is in large part due to the breakdown of the family unit. The adventure park is a great place to go where the whole family can enjoy nature while bonding, building self-confidence and feeling a sense of accomplishment. It is safe, it is wholesome and it is green. Sadly, we cannot say that about many things today. I believe the Adventure Park is a wonderful addition to the attractions and programming being offered at Heritage Museums & Gardens and feel it would be an asset to our families and community. I feel privileged to live next to such a special place and hope that you will feel the same.

Sincerely,
Carmen O'Brien

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McCabe, Maureen

From: donna rockwell <gforgiftsdonna@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 14, 2019 5:48 PM
To: Planning Dept.
Subject: Heritage arial adventure park

This is indeed a great addition to our community and much more like a playground than a so-called amusement park. It is quiet and challenging and family oriented and healthy. Hoping for a positive outcome for Heritage and our community.

Donna Rockwell

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McCabe, Maureen

From: Kelli <beachtowel26@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 15, 2019 8:43 AM
To: Planning Dept.
Subject: Adventure Park comments

I am writing in support of the Heritage Adventure Park reopening. The closure of this park led the the layoff of many young workers. My daughter is 19 and had several friends who worked there. Some of these people had found their calling with working there. It changed their life path and they became passionate about this type of work. These were young people planning a future to live and work in Sandwich indefinitely. With the closure of the park they were set adrift and uncertain of their futures. Since then three of them have relocated to Nashville to work in a similar park, one is now in Atlanta also at a similar setting. We have lost these 4 young workers who were forced out of town and rolling their eyes at how uptight Sandwich turned out to be. If it reopens they will not return. Too late for them. But maybe a new generation of workers to live and work in Sandwich could surface.

Also the whole story about property values being affected for the condo units is unfounded. I work in home care and am often in those condos. Out of curiosity I have STRAINED to attempt to see or hear the Park (when it was open). I could never hear or see it from any of the units I was ever in. I could see a beautiful view of Cape Cod Bay from the back though. And from the front the loud view of Route 6. No way could the sound of laughing children ever be heard above the traffic from the highway. I would never choose these condos for my elderly mother to live because of the highway or the steep hill to drive in the winter. Or the lack of elevator access and handicapped accessibility. Never would laughing children in the far off distance ever affect purchasing a condo. That's absurd. If they are having difficulty selling units they have many more issues they should consider remediating first. Check it out for yourselves. Don't just listen to people who paint a very exaggerated picture.

Hopefully the park will reopen. Thanks for the consideration

Kelli Davis
Forestdale

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Drake, Leanne

From: Angela <heals838@icloud.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 18, 2019 4:20 PM
To: Planning Dept.
Subject: Heritage park

Please reconsider the heritage park zip line !
Anyone in their right mind would know that this is not an amusement park!!
We need this for the children!

It's actually very educational and it would be a serious detriment to the town if it were to continue to be closed!

Thank you

Angela Dalpe Healy
2 sea pines lane sandwich ma 02563

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McCabe, Maureen

From: Linda Lewison <llewi25763@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 21, 2019 9:31 AM
To: Planning Dept.
Subject: heritage museum special permit

Dear Board members

I am writing in support of Heritage Parks special permit for a ropes course. The course builds confidence , cooperation in working with others. Schools bring students to learn to work together.

Sandwich is always thought of as anti business so this brings people to town to shop go to restaurants and even stay. The museum has been in Sandwich for many years and needs a way to expand their business. It is seasonal and placed in an area that is hidden in the woods.

The few that are against it should not represent the town as they are in a minority. If they can dictate to a property owner what can be done with their property then it sets a precedence . (As Mr Fitch " a nice project just not here ")

I support this project for Heritage to bring more families to town and for schools to bring student s too. Plymouth has just opened a ropes course so we should keep the business here.

thank You
Linda Lewison
Boardley rd
Sandwich, Ma

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Vitacco, Ralph

From: Becky Milburn <philipandbecky@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, May 27, 2019 10:53 PM
To: Vitacco, Ralph
Cc: Philip Milburn
Subject: Letter in Support of The Adventure Park at Heritage Museums & Gardens

Dear Members of the Zoning Board of Appeals -

We are writing to express our support for the reopening of the Adventure Park at Heritage Museums & Gardens. The Adventure Park is a wonderful asset for our community and all who visit the Cape from all over the world every summer.

When the design was unveiled, we were delighted by the extent to which it blended into its natural surroundings. It truly looks as if it belongs there. We have also been impressed with the management of the Adventure Park – by requiring advance reservations, crowds and traffic are very controlled.

We have been there numerous times – as a family, with visiting friends and relatives, and as chaperones when our school-aged children have gone on field trips to The Adventure Park. Some of the biggest benefits are intrinsic. Each time we've attended, we've seen and/or experienced camaraderie as folks encourage and help each other on the course; growth in confidence and self-esteem as folks (of all ages!) overcome their fear and conquer a difficult element; and the interpersonal connections that result from a shared experience whether one is an observer on the ground or a participating "in the air."

Additionally, the Adventure Park is a wonderful resource to engage people of all ages with nature and the outdoors and foster a greater understanding and appreciation of the environment, conservation/preservation, and our eco-system.

There are far better beaches on the Cape than those in Sandwich. There are towns with amazing bike trails, Main Street shopping, and a variety of museums and galleries. But so far, Sandwich has the only Adventure Park in the area and we need it for our residents, but specifically for our tourists upon whom our local economy relies heavily.

It is in the best interest of the Sandwich community as a whole for community attractions, programming, and environmental education such as the Adventure Park to thrive. When neighborhood interests become more important than the community as a whole, the end result is a fractured and weakened community. Instead, we should all come together and be proud that Sandwich is home to an asset as valuable as the Adventure Park.

Thank you.

Respectfully,

Philip and Becky Milburn
3 Story Lane
East Sandwich, MA 02537

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Vitacco, Ralph

From: ahacking@aol.com
Sent: Monday, May 27, 2019 6:01 PM
To: Vitacco, Ralph
Subject: Checking in: application for the Adventure Park at Heritage

Dear Town of Sandwich,

Hope you are well

My name is Tony Hacking and I am writing in support of the permit application to open the Adventure Park at the Heritage Plantation.

I have been a summer resident of Cape Cod for more than 50 years. Four generations of my family have spent time on Cape Cod and visited the Heritage Plantation. My first visit was with my grandparents when I was two.

When the adventure park opened originally several years ago, my wife and I were thrilled. There was suddenly a beautiful outdoor family activity that was physical, mental, and emotional all in one. We have brought our daughters and their friends and cousins to the park every year since. Watching my older daughter gain confidence and learn the intricacies of climbing has been inspiring. Aliza, has gained both technical skill, belief in herself, and coaching skills as she has helped other children (and adults) while on the course. As wonderful as the effects of the park have been on Aliza, the effects on my younger daughter have been even more significant. Lili, began her own exploration of the adventure park as a much more cautious and nervous participant. The supportive and nurturing environment created by the staff and the high focus on safety and good technique helped Lili blossom as a climber. That confidence gained over the years has extended into other parts of her life. In a sense she has charted her own progress by planning summer to summer which routes she would seek to master.

When I read the critiques of the Adventure Park last year it did not feel to me that the true specialness of this wonderful facility was captured. The experiences created by the staff and by the design of the park have had positive impacts on thousands of children and families in terms of confidence, teamwork, technical climbing knowledge, empathy for others, and knowledge of the Cape.

I respectfully request that the town please consider granting a permit to re-open the park. I know the great people of the Heritage Plantation would gladly work with their neighbors to address their concerns.

Thank you for considering the application.

Sincerely,

—Tony

Antony G. Hacking
(From Milton, MA originally with summers spent in Dennis, MA)

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New York, NY 10023
917-941-4252

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Vitacco, Ralph

From: Cathy Lutes <cajlutes@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, May 27, 2019 2:22 PM
To: Vitacco, Ralph
Subject: Heritage Adventure Park

Please re-open the park as it means very much to our children and grandchildren when they visit. Tickets and parking are controlled to minimize traffic. This park means so much to our Cape community.

Thank You,
James Lutes

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Vitacco, Ralph

From: Alex Accetta <alexaccetta@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 27, 2019 2:50 PM
To: Vitacco, Ralph
Subject: Adventure Park Support

Good day,

I wanted to share with you my support of the Adventure Park at the Heritage Museums and Gardens.

The park, since it opened, has been an annual rite for our entire family during our multi-month stay on the Cape. It has provided a gateway to the learning that goes on at the Heritage Museum and helped inspire our children to be active which is a vital component of learning. The combination of the adventure park and the museum is a perfect way to link education about the important history of the Cape. Our children have used the course to challenge themselves to achieve things they thought they could not do and it would be a total shame if it were closed.

Please support the continued running of the Adventure Park at the Heritage Museums and Gardens.

Alex Accetta (Crane)
Barnstable

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Vitacco, Ralph

From: Christian Atwood <christian.atwood@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 27, 2019 2:16 PM
To: Vitacco, Ralph
Subject: Heritage Adventure Park

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I write in support of The Trustees of The Heritage Museum & Gardens' application to permit the re-opening and continued operation of the Adventure Park.

As residents of nearby West Barnstable and parents to school-age children (three boys, ages 10, 8 and 5), we were thrilled when the facility opened and devastated when it closed. We are frequent visitors both to the Heritage Museum & Gardens (I'm actually typing this note while my children are exploring the "Hidden Hollow") and to the Adventure Park, and sincerely appreciate the educational and physical, social and emotional developmental opportunities afforded by each. It would be a great shame to allow the complaints of small but vocal number of (apparently disgruntled, joyless) neighbors to result in the permanent closure of the Adventure Park and attendant (1) dislocation of employees, (2) loss of educational opportunities for residents and visitors alike, (3) negative impact to tourism in the surrounding area, and (4) indefensible waste of Heritage's substantial investment in the construction and maintenance of the park.

The Town of Sandwich should say "No" **not** to an important extension of a local treasure that benefits the greater Sandwich community and surrounding towns, but to the NIMBY-ism and short-sighted, selfish complaints of a select few who would seek to deprive the broader community of a welcome addition to the landscape.

Sincerely,
Christian Atwood,
resident of W. Barnstable,
for and on behalf of our family (Christian, Susan, Griffin (age 10), Sawyer (age 8), and Dashiell (age 5))

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Vitacco, Ralph

From: Larissa Leclair <larissa_leclair@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, May 27, 2019 9:30 AM
To: Vitacco, Ralph
Subject: We support the continuation of the Adventure Park

Dear Town of Sandwich,

I've known the Cape for 43 years as a visitor and have now brought my children for 15 years. It holds a special place in our hearts. The Adventure Park has been a welcome addition to the Cape and I am writing in support of letting the Adventure Park continue to operate.

Larissa Leclair
Summer resident in Harwich

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Vitacco, Ralph

From: kateagrimm@aol.com
Sent: Monday, May 27, 2019 12:56 PM
To: Vitacco, Ralph
Subject: The Adventure Park

To Whom it May Concern,

Regarding the Adventure Park at Heritage Plantation this is a letter of support. We've been residents of Chatham for 30 years and have visited Heritage Plantation many times. With older grandchildren now we have used and enjoyed all the facilities once again. A highlight of the summer is now a visit to the Adventure Park, a challenging and wholesome activity. It has been well run and supervised when we were there beginning when the children were 6-14 years of age. Our oldest granddaughter said it was the most fun she had visiting the Cape ever. They have access to the beach all the time so that is routine to them. We support the opening of the Adventure park this year assuming it continues to be a safe, well run enterprise. Thank you.

Kate and Dick Grimm 5/27/19

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Vitacco, Ralph

From: MKelley <MKwrite@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 28, 2019 10:40 AM
To: Vitacco, Ralph
Subject: Regarding The Adventure Park at Heritage

To Whom It May Concern;

I am writing on behalf of my whole family to urge you to allow the Adventure Park to reopen in Sandwich.

We live in Attleboro, Mass., and have visited the park several times each summer since it opened. We have two children, ages 16 and 12. They love this park for many reasons. First, it's on the Cape, and we typically visit on our way to our vacation destination (Cape Codder, or a place in Truro), though it's also an easy day-trip from our home. Second, the park's challenges offer our kids the chance to develop confidence, patience, endurance and problem-solving skills for life.

Third, the setting is beautiful. Last, it's just a lot of fun.

When we are there, we also spend money in Sandwich and other towns nearby. We are respectful of the property and we drive slowly through the neighborhood.

We are aware that a neighbor is opposed to the park, and we feel it is unfair that one person should have such sway over this situation. He does not own the street, he does not own anything but his property. He does not get to decide who makes noise or drives through his neighborhood. We all live with these facts. He cannot become an exception.

Furthermore, the Adventure Park is about nature and engaging people to be out, enjoying it. It is proven that people who are regularly connecting with nature are more likely to actively protect it. In my opinion this park has a small impact and footprint on the environment, while its benefits are many. Please don't shut it down.

Sincerely,

Margie Kelley
Attleboro, Mass.

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Vitacco, Ralph

From: Randy Accetta <randy@runtucson.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 28, 2019 2:02 PM
To: info@heritagemuseums.org; Vitacco, Ralph
Cc: alex accetta; Bethiah Crane
Subject: Adventure Park -- we live in Tucson and we come every year

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Hello again to the Heritage Museum and the Town of Sandwich -- I just saw the new Heritage Park newsletter and thought I would send another note of support for the Adventure Park. As I wrote back in March, we live in Tucson, Arizona but my mother and aunt live in Barnstable.

For the past number of years, our family has spent 4-6 weeks on the Cape every summer (fortunately, I can work remotely).

A highlight of our annual visit has been attending the Heritage Museum and the Adventure Park.

My 10-year-old daughter and my 12-year-old son have spent these recent years "graduating" from color to color, proving their physical and mental abilities as they navigate the various challenges.

Indeed one day last year, we had nine of us -- two grade-schoolers, two teen-agers, four parents, and a 70-something grandmother -- all on the course at the same time.

Of course, we regularly visit the Museum as part of our trip to Sandwich (I think I have purchased a membership for only one or two of these recent years, though).

If you wish to remind the Sandwich council of the economic benefit, please feel free to share with them that we often stop to get coffee and baked goods beforehand, then have dinner or lunch afterwards -- sometimes at the brick-oven pizza place in town and other times at the pizza tavern just east of town on 6A. We order pizza, watch the Red Sox on TV, and tease each other about the ropes course.

Overall, we've probably spent close to \$1,000 on food, park passes, and other items since the Adventure Park opened.

This summer, we get to the Cape in mid-June and the Adventure Park is on top of our list of things to do. Cape Cod League baseball games, the Wellfleet July 4th running race, and the Ropes Course in Sandwich -- these are all highlights of our summer.

Unfortunately, even though we like Sandwich, we will not spend nearly as much money in the town this summer without the Adventure Park as a draw. We encourage you to keep it open.

Thank you,

Randy

Randy Accetta Ph.D. | 520-991-0733
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Vitacco, Ralph

From: Oneil, Jennifer <Jennifer.Oneil@analog.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 28, 2019 3:02 PM
To: Vitacco, Ralph
Subject: FW: approve Adventure Park

Dear Mr. Vitacco,

I am writing in support of the ropes course at Heritage Adventure Park.

It is my belief that this venue provides a great opportunity to explore the outdoors and draw visitors to our area.

It brings people into the Town of Sandwich where they pump gas, buy food, and explore our town. It also increases the volume of visitors to Heritage Museum which I believe to be a very valuable asset for our town.

While I have read the point of view of several of the vocal neighbors of the park, I do not believe that their property values have been inordinately impacted by the park.

I think it would be beneficial for the Town of Sandwich if we were to grant a permit to allow the park to operate during daylight hours without music piped through speakers. This way, we are preserving the quiet character of the community while providing an opportunity to explore and exercise in the trees.

Please consider approving the request to allow the Adventure Park at Heritage Museums and Gardens to reopen.

Regards,

Jennifer O'Neil

2 Bottom Lane

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McCabe, Maureen

From: Vitacco, Ralph
Sent: Wednesday, May 29, 2019 10:36 AM
To: McCabe, Maureen
Subject: FW: Heritage Adventure Park

From: Mike Sullivan [<mailto:mts51@aol.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, May 28, 2019 4:05 PM
To: Vitacco, Ralph
Subject: Heritage Adventure Park

Dear Sir: As full time Sandwich residents, we support Heritage's application to reopen the Adventure Park. We see the Adventure Park as an asset to the Community at large, to the many visitors to Sandwich, and to Sandwich itself. We understand the concerns of some of the surrounding landowners, but, having attended the May 14 meeting on this topic, some of these concerns seemed to be inflated (e.g., the reference to "bumper to bumper" traffic). And we did note the fact that several surrounding landowners did speak in support of the Adventure Park.

Katherine and Michael Sullivan
27 Knott Ave.

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McCabe, Maureen

From: Janice Semprini <jpsemprini@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, June 17, 2019 5:11 PM
To: Planning Dept.
Subject: Follow Up to May 28th ZBA Hearing - Heritage Museum/Adventure Park Application
Attachments: Citizens RE Valuation Increase Solicitation 5.2019.pdf; Figure RE Valuation Increase Solicitation 5.2019.pdf

To Whom It May Concern:

As a follow up to my brief conversation with the Sandwich ZBA Administrative Staff immediately following the adjournment of the above-referenced Hearing, attached please find two real estate solicitations I received for the condo I own at Highview Condominiums, which indicates that the valuation of my condo has increased at least 30 percent since 2014. I have had a relationship with Citizens Bank for about 20 years, so I consider this solicitation very credible. The second real estate valuation notice I received is my first introduction to Figure; however, it must have a pulse on real estate valuations, hence the solicitation.

Kindly forward this information to the Members of the ZBA for its information and consideration relative to defending the real estate values in the neighborhood which directly abut the Adventure Park. My unit is located on the northeast corner of Building 2 and is probably the closest of all 96 units to the Adventure Park. The quality of my living has never been interrupted by the presence of the park during its short tenure, nor has its presence affected the valuation of my condo.

It is unfortunate that I arrived 40 minutes late to the last Hearing and was not able to be present for Heather Ross's presentation to the Board regarding real estate values surrounding the Adventure Park.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions regarding this submission.

As I mentioned to your Administrative Staff immediately following the Hearing, I spoke at the initial Hearing on May 14th and was very confused by the contradictory presentation given by the attorney (Peter Melo) who was hired by a select few unit owners at Highview Condominium Association. I felt a number of his statements made during the May 28th Hearing contradicted his opening statements at the May 14th Hearing, especially pertaining to real estate valuations.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration in reviewing the attachments. This has been quite a process, and I am hopeful that the ZBA will vote in favor of the Adventure Park's Special Permit Application at the June 25th Hearing.

Sincerely,

Janice Semprini
46 Highview Drive
Sandwich, MA 02563

P.S. Kindly acknowledge receipt of this email so that I know it was received and that the information will be forwarded to the Members of the Board. Thank you.

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McCabe, Maureen

From: Linda Lewison <llewi25763@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 20, 2019 11:03 AM
To: Planning Dept.
Subject: heritage rope course

Dear Ms McCabe, Mr Killion, Mr Neeven , Mr Nye , Mr Jensen, Mr Vitacco

My family attended the 50th anniversary ceremony at Heritage Plantation this past Saturday it was a wonderful event . How lucky the town is to have such a great place to take children and have a great time. Our town leaders were all there to express their admiration for having a nice relationship with the town.

So wouldn't it be nice to be as welcoming to them and their idea of attracting more people to town to enjoy this beautiful place ? Adding the challenge rope course is a great idea for school children and visitors to enjoy and learn to build confidence in themselves.

Hard to understand that a few neighbors can take away the enjoyment of so many. This park has been a good neighbor to us for fifty years. They have entertainment , a preschool and many educational exhibits and continue to expand to make this a beautiful place. The rope course is hidden out sight . If anything their property value should increase because all this land has remained undeveloped .

I hope you support their effort to bring more entertainment and education to our town.

If the traffic is a concern why not have them offer a shuttle service from the Wing school?

Please support this wonderful place.
Sincerely,
Linda Lewison
79 boardley rd
Sandwich,ma

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Drake, Leanne

From: Linda Lewison <llewi25763@aol.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 23, 2019 11:53 AM
To: Planning Dept.
Subject: ropes course

Dear zoning board

Again I wish to express my support for the ropes course at heritage plantation.

It is interesting that everyday in the Cape Cod Times there is a letter from the same person (Carlo) protesting the park. One person can not speak for all of us that want to support the ropes course.

I hope you will vote in favor and support Heritage as they have been a beautiful neighbor for 50 years.

Thank You
Linda Lewison
Sandwich, Ma

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